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Mysuru, Saturday 21st April 2018

Crime-ridden country

Some regions of the world have been portrayed to suggest one or the other of dominant features. Africa has been perceived for long by the West as a dark continent. Countries too have been described with suggestive adjectives and terms again as the West took notice. India described as the land of snakes and snake-charmers in the not too distant past is currently recognised as one among the top five economics of the world. United States of America, having been bestowed the status of a country of opportunities still has that badge intact. The people of the countries in Eastern Zone of Asia, said to represent *yellow race* may smack of discriminatory ethnicity. Europe's some countries have hosted colonialists in the past, currently driven back to their respective territories, thanks to the uprising by people of former colonies, with India being the largest in area and most populous. If India is better off or worse off in the process showing the exit door to its former rulers can be debated with mixed views.

While *colonial rule* of the country is marked by both *positives* (as seen by moderates) and *negatives* (as seen by the fraternity of critics of British Raj) the *path* being charted by the land's people at large and the leaders they have *created* over years is also paved for both smooth ride and rough as well as rocky surface. Which of these dominates is the question.

What image of India presents itself to different people depends upon the prism through which one peers, although judgement objectively is easier than saying. Reports about the daily happenings appearing in the print as well as electronic media from all nooks and corners of the land cannot but adversely impact the minds of those who are keenly following the goings on. While one cannot ignore the impressive record of achievements in many sectors of the nation's economy, particularly agriculture and industry, one cannot also be blind to the daily incidents of *(a)* Deplorable conduct of politicians in the open, *(b)* Noisy protests against lax administration by the government, *(c)* Immoral acts by members of the ruling class, functionaries in the executive arm of government, academics and so on.

Safety of citizens at large, who are not protected by security staff deployed by the government, has figured in a report published this week in a popular daily. The observation by a two-judge bench of the Bombay High Court that India's global image today is that it is a country of crime may even be an understatement, given the unprecedented rise in the crime of all kinds bugging the nation.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

SYMBOLIC PROTEST: ***There was embarrassment in store for the Congress amidst the nationwide fast party workers organised. Some leaders of the Congress' Delhi Unit were photographed eating*** *chhole bhature* ***at a famous restaurant before joining Congress President Rahul Gandhi at Rajghat, the New Delhi venue for the protest. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) tweeted the photograph of Delhi leaders Haroon Yusuf, Arvinder Singh Lovely and Ajay Maken enjoying the food. The same leaders had earlier said the fast was "Symbolic."*** — *In Business Standard.*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Overweight to bodybuilding !

Beijing: Zhang Shuai, a 22-year-old senior at the Heilongjiang Institute of Technology, in Harbin, recently made news headlines in China for his six month transformation from overweight and out of shape to regional bodybuilding champion.

Shuai had been a star player on his college basketball team, but a couple of years ago, a serious injury forced him off the court and into a state of depression. Due to excessive eating and lack of physical exercise, he put on a whopping 40 kilograms in only six months. However, six months ago, Zhang Shuai decided to get back into tip top shape. He started exercising again, adhered to a strict diet, and within half a year, he was in the best shape of his life. Not only did Zhang manage to lose 30 kilograms of excess weight and he developed a passion for bodybuilding and won the title in a recent provincial bodybuilding championship, and now works as a a part-time fitness instructor at a gym in Harbin.

700-yrs-old tree got drip treatment

Telangana: I always thought intravenous treatments only worked on humans and animals, but apparently they do wonders for sick trees as well. Known as "Pillalamarri" or "Peerla Marri", the 700-year-old Banyan tree in Mahabubnagar, India's Telangana State, spreads across three acres, making it the second-largest of its kind in the world. It's also in danger of being eaten alive by termites. Public access to the tree was restricted in December last year, as desperate authorities scrambled to come up with a way to save one of the biggest tourist attractions. First, experts tried pumping a powerful pesticide but that didn't work very well. So they switched to an IV drip using saline water instead, hooking multiple bottles of diluted Chlorpyrifos to the tree and that has proven much more effective. The branches absorb the drip solution in 10 to 14 hours, and this way the pesticide spreads throughout the trunk. "The tree's health is stable now. We are hoping it will become normal after a few days," said Chukka Ganga Reddy.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

How much effect does a sausage-and-egg muffin have on my arteries?

Within an hour of eating a sausage-and-egg muffin, arterial function was reduced by almost half, and the arteries were still malfunctioning three hours later. Yet, when the sausage-and-egg muffin was eaten with grapes (rich in phenols), there was hardly any harmful effect.

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Karnatak classical vocal recital by Sreeranjini tomorrow

Mysuru, Apr. 21- City's cultural organisation Bhanuvara Sanje Geleyara Balaga, popularly known as BHASANGE Balaga, will present a Karnatak classical vocal recital by Vidushi **H.S. Sreeranjini** of Bengaluru at Vasudevacharya Bhavana of Nadabramha Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road here on Sunday, 22nd April at 6 pm.

BHASANGE Balaga is providing a platform for young talents in the field of performing arts by organising programmes on monthly basis and this is the Balaga's 74th monthly music programme.

Profile: A BE graduate in Computer Science and Engineering from NIE, Sreeranjini is one of the bright and upcoming artistes in the field of Karnatak classical music. She basically hails from Mysuru and currently resides in Bengaluru.

Sreeranjini started learning music at a tender age of 7 from Vidushi Veene Jayamma and completed her Prathamika at the age of 12. For the last 16 years, she has been practicing Karnatak music under the guidance of Vidu. Gayathri Sathyanarayan. She finished her Vidwat exam conducted by the Karnataka Secondary Education Board in 2013-14 and secured 1st Rank. From the past 8 years, she has been teaching Karnatak music at home for people across various age groups.

Sreeranjini is gifted with a beautiful voice which can produce brilliant and effortless akaaraas, and gamakas. She also experiments with Trishra and Khandanadai in Swara Prasthara which has been well-appreciated by the audience.

Sreeranjini has performed at many prestigious stages in and around Mysuru apart from many successful concerts in Bengaluru and Chennai.

On 22nd April, Sreeranjini will be accompanied by **Vid. M. Keshav** on violin and **Vid. Sai Shivu** on mridanga.

BHASANGE Balaga welcomes all music-lovers to the concert. Entry for the event is free.

—C.K. Sanjay Kumar

Really...?

- ***Indonesia is one of the most volcanically active countries in the world because of its tectonic instability. Being along the equator, it has only a wet and a dry season in a year with a tropical rainforest climate and extremely fertile soil due to the volcanic activity. The islands of Indonesia have hundreds of mountains, most of them either active or inactive volcanoes. Indonesians have a term called "ribu" meaning "thousand" to denote mountains that are above 1,000 meters tall and "spesial," Indonesian for "special," to denote mountains shorter than that. One of the ribus is Kelimutu, a volcanic mountain famous for the three lakes on its peak that change colour from green to blue to black or red.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

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Person 2: *How?!*

Person 1: *I forgot to take my brownies out of the oven!!*

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Ramdas, Abdulla file papers

S.A. Ramdas

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Candidates arrive to file nominations amidst festive atmosphere led by cultural troupes and band sets

Mysuru, Apr.21 (MTY&BCT)- A day after Chief Minister Siddharamaiah and MLA G.T. Devegowda filed nominations for the high-profile Chamundeshwari constituency, today it was the turn of former Minister S.A. Ramdas (BJP) and Abdul Azeez (Abdulla) of JD(S) to file their papers from Krishnaraja and Narasimharaja constituencies respectively amidst a festive atmosphere. Both the candidates came in huge processions. While Abdul's procession dominated the East of the city, Ramdas' procession was the centre of attraction in Southern part.

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BJP fields S.A. Ramdas from Krishnaraja, L. Nagendra from Chamaraja, Gopal Rao from Chamundeshwari

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Bengaluru, Apr.21- Former Ministers S.A. Ramdas and G. Karunakar Reddy, former Assembly Speaker K.G. Bopaiah and sons of three sitting Legislators, figure in the third list of 59 candidates announced by the BJP yesterday for the May 12 Assembly polls. With the announcement of the third list, BJP has so far named candidates for 213 seats and is yet to declare its nominees for eleven more including Varuna, Badami and Yeshwanthpur in Bengaluru.

Former Minister S.A. Ramdas has been fielded again from Krishnaraja (K.R.) constituency in Mysuru and sitting MLA K.G. Bopaiah from Virajpet in Kodagu.

Karunakar Reddy, who held the Revenue portfolio in the previous BJP regime, had to step down after a Lokayukta report on illegal mining named him. He has been fielded from Harapanahalli in Davanagere district.

Karunakar's younger brother G. Somashekar Reddy has been given the ticket from Ballari city.

Former MLA K. Raghupathy Bhat has been given the ticket to contest from Udupi. Bhat countered controversy after his wife was found dead in mysterious circumstances. Former MLA M.P. Kumaraswamy, who has been given the ticket from Mudigere (SC), had assaulted his wife in public at the Legislator's Home in Bengaluru in 2016.

Children of three sitting Legislators also figure in the list. Govind Karjol's son Gopal Karjol (Nagathana-SC), Senior BJP leader and MLC Ramachandra Gowda's son Sapthagiri Gowda (Gandhinagar) and V. Somanna's son Dr. Arun Somanna (Arasikere).

Interestingly, the party is yet to announce its candidate for Yeshwanthpur, Bengaluru, where there is speculation that MP Shobha Karandlaje may be given the ticket. With a large number of ticket aspirants, K.R. Assembly segment in Mysuru had become tricky for the BJP top brass. Former MLC G. Madhusudan had opposed giving ticket to Ramdas calling him 'tainted.' H.V. Rajeev, who was a keen aspirant, is disappointed with the denial of ticket to him. Rajeev had unsuccessfully contested on a KJP ticket in 2013.

Actress Malavika Avinash and former MUDA Chairman K.R. Mohan Kumar too had lobbied hard for the ticket from this Brahmin-dominated seat.

In Chamundeshwari, where the fight is mainly between CM Siddharamaiah and JD(S) sitting MLA G.T. Devegowda, the BJP has fielded Gopal Rao, a surprise choice.

Gopal Rao, a member of the party's National Executive, is associated with the RSS since the Jan Sangh days and had twice served as the President of BJP Chamundeshwari Assembly Constituency Unit.

The party has named Shwetha Gopal from K.R. Nagar, Ramesh Kumar from Hunsur and S. Shankar from T. Narasipur (SC) Assembly segments.

The BJP, however, has not named its candidate for Badami in Bagalkot district from where CM Siddharamaiah is expected to contest as his second seat. Five-time Congress MLA N.Y. Gopalkrishna, who quit the party a couple of days ago after being denied a ticket, has been given the ticket to contest from Kudligi (ST) seat. Other prominent names in the list include actor Saikumar from Bagepalli, B.P. Harish from Harihar, M. Lakshminarayan from Chamarajpet and M.N. Reddy from Sarvagnanagar to take on Minister K.J. George.

In Mandya, where it does not have a strong base, the party has fielded Satheesh from Maddur, H. Manjunath from Melukote, Basavegowda from Mandya, Dr. Parthasarathy from Nagamangala and Bukahalli Manjunath from K.R. Pet. The party had already announced the names of farmer leader K.S. Nanjundegowda from Srirangapatna and former Minister B. Somasekhar from Malavalli (SC) in the two remaining Assembly segments of the district.

Surprisingly, the party has still not announced ticket to B.Y. Vijayendra, son of party State President B.S. Yeddyurappa, even though the former is campaigning in Varuna and has also taken a house on rent in the Constituency. Vijayendra's candidature will in all probability be announced on Saturday or Sunday, but the delay has not only surprised the party leaders but even leaders of other parties.

The BJP has named former MUDA Chairman L. Nagendra as its candidate from Chamaraja. Nagendra had unsuccessfully contested the seat in 2013, coming a close third after losing out to Vasu of Congress and H.S. Shankaralingegowda of JD(S).

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P.G.R. Sindhia to contest from Basavakalyan

P.G.R. Sindhia | *Srinivas*

Bengaluru, Apr.21- After much dilly-dallying, the JD(S) yesterday announced its second list of 56 candidates for the Assembly polls.

The second list has many political leaders who have hopped from their respective parties after they were denied tickets.

The party has announced candidatures of senior leader P.G.R. Sindhia from Basavakalyan, Prakash Khandre, sitting BJP MLA who defected to the JD(S) after denial of ticket, from Bhalki in Bidar district, Dr. D. Hemachandra Sagar from Chickpet in Bengaluru and actor-politician Sashikumar from Hosadurga.

The party has also fielded Ravi Patil, brother-in-law of Congress MLA & former Minister Sathish Jarkiholi from Raichur Rural and former underworld Don Jedarahalli Krishnappa from Rajajinagar in Bengaluru.

Meanwhile, State JD(S) President and former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy will be contesting from two seats — Ramanagaram, which he is currently representing and Channapatna.

The JD(S), which has entered into an alliance with Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), had announced its first list of 126 candidates a few weeks ago. While the party has given 20 seats to its alliance partner BSP, it is yet to announce candidates for 22 more seats.

Interestingly, the party has not given the ticket to sitting Congress MLA from Tarikere G.H. Srinivas, who quit the Congress a couple of days ago to join JD(S). The JD(S) has given the Tarikere ticket to T.H. Shivashankarappa.

Other Bengaluru nominees

The party, which does not have a big presence in Bengaluru, has announced tickets for 19 out of the 28 Assembly segments in the city. While former Congressman Altaf Khan has been fielded against B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan of the Congress from Chamarajpet, former BBMP Councillor G.H. Ramachandra, has been fielded from Rajarajeshwarinagar to take on sitting Congress MLA Muniratna and Realtor R. Prabhakar Reddy from Bengaluru South.

G.H. Ramachandra, who had been supporting the BJP all these days, joined the JD(S) recently along with his son Jagadish and daughter-in-law actress Amulya, after the BJP denied him the ticket.

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Actress Pooja Gandhi to rejoin JD(S)

With just three weeks left for the May 12 Assembly polls, Actress Pooja Gandhi is all set to rejoin the JD(S) today.

Pooja Gandhi, who quit the JD(S) in 2012 to join KJP floated by B.S. Yeddyurappa, later quit KJP too and unsuccessfully contested on B. Sriramulu's BSR Congress party ticket from Raichur in the 2013 Assembly polls.

After tasting defeat, Pooja stayed away from politics and after rejoining the JD(S) today, will campaign for the party across the State. While Actress Amulya joined the JD(S) a couple of days ago, actor-turned politician Shashikumar joined the party on Thursday and will be contesting from Hosadurga.

The JD(S) in its bid to shore up support from the glamour world, also released a video clip where another popular actress Rachita Ram is seen appealing the electorate to vote for party leader H.D. Kumaraswamy to power.

While H.D. Kumaraswamy's actor-son Niklhil has already begun campaigning for the party, the JD(S) is hoping that Sandlwood Star Sudeep too would campaign for the party.

Meanwhile, sources said that popular Telugu Actor Pawan Kalyan too will be campaigning for JD(S) once the filing of nominations for the May 12 polls gets over.

NEWS BRIEFS

Tree-planting to mark Earth Day

As part of Earth Day, A Humour Bros Foundation has organised planting of saplings at Hayagreeva College, D. Subbaiah Road, on Apr.22 between 7.30 am and 9 am. For details, contact Mob: 94488-72458 or 99457-22379.

Sunday Clinic

Avati L. Ramasheshaiah and Lakshmi Devamma Clinic of Narayana Multi-speciality Hospital, has organised a 'Sunday Clinic' at its premises, Vinoba Road, Mysuru, on Apr. 22 from 8 am to 12 noon. For details, call Mob: 88847-44144.

Health check-up camps

Narayana Multi-speciality Hospital, Devanur, has organised Safe beat camp on Apr. 22 at 8 am, Diabetes camp on Apr. 23 from 9.30 am to 2 pm at its premises. For details, contact Mob: 95380-52378.

Mushroom seed sale

Zilla Panchayat Horticulture Department has organised a sale of mushroom seeds at reduced rate at Kukkarahalli Horticulture Zone in front of Open Air Theatre in Manasagangothri. The seeds are available at Rs.40 a kg and a mushroom growth supporting bag at Rs. 20. Information on mushroom cultivation is also available. For details, contact Mob: 97405-96111.

Book exhibition on Apr.23

Marking World Book Day, a book exhibition is organised by City Central Library at all its branch libraries on April 23.

Appointed

M. Tabreez Khan, a resident of Rajkumar Road, Kalyanagiri in the city, has been appointed as Mysuru City President of Karnataka State Human Rights Protection Committee with immediate effect. Tabreez Khan can be contacted on Mob: 99647-59564.

VOICE OF THE READER

Eyesore at Freedom Fighters Park

Sir,

It was disheartening to see some construction activity happening in the middle of the Freedom Fighters Park near Shanthala Theatre in city. The construction is spoiling the holy look and the greenery of the Park. It is also obstructing the view of the existing Freedom Fighters Bhavan and affecting the morning and evening walkers.

Will the authorities concerned take appropriate action?

—Vijaya Kumar

Mysuru
17.4.2018

SBM Park needs immediate attention

Sir,

The SBM Park in Srirampura which was in a state of neglect got a facelift with the construction of a compound around it, thanks to the efforts of MUDA Chairman and the MLA who laid foundation stone in July 2015 and assured to develop the Park. Added to this, the Mysore Bank Colony Residents Association developed the Park by planting saplings on World Environment Day in June 2016. The plants were also nurtured by the nearby residents.

But later some neighbouring residents opened up the fence on the North side and allowed their cattle to graze the grass in the Park which spoiled the whole Park and the plants. The MUDA also did not take much interest in watering the plants nor provide any benches for the walkers to take rest despite several requests.

Added to this, heaps of mud have been dumped in the park during the repair of the main road which is yet to be cleared. The neighbouring site adjacent to the Park on the North side, though it is shown as part of the Park land in the MUDA approved plan, is in dispute between the land-losers and MUDA as the MUDA is yet to acquire the land and attach to the existing Park.

The land adjacent on the South side of the Park belonging to Madhuvana Layout, which is also shown as park land in the MUDA plan, is said to have been allotted to public, the ownership of which has been changing hands without any construction coming up. This is the state of affairs of a Park, which was planned to be developed as a Park to raise medicinal plants but nothing has come up so far.

As the MCC has big plans to develop parks in Mysuru city, I request the MCC to take up beautification of this park after clearing all hitches and help the residents to breathe fresh air. The MUDA officials may also coordinate with the MCC to speed up the process.

—K.V. Ramanath

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Book talk

STAR of MYSORE
Story of a unique evening english newspaper

Trials and Tribulations of a Newspaper Editor

By M.P. Prabhakaran
New York

K. B. Ganapathy, the author of *Star of Mysore: Story of a unique evening english newspaper,* is a close friend of mine. So, if you are looking for an objective review of the book, I suggest that you look elsewhere. If what I have penned below reads like an unabashed accolade, I plead guilty as charged. It's my way of showing my greatest appreciation for what my friend has achieved, both as a journalist and as a businessman.

The subtitle of the book could as well be *The unique story of a successful journalist who also made it as a businessman.* They say, "You can either be a journalist or a businessman. You can't be both." As a person whose one and only experiment in straddling the two professions flopped in less than two years, I can vouch for that. But Ganapathy is one of the rare exceptions. This book can be presented as Exhibit A to make the case against those naysayers.

Ganapathy and I met as journalism students at the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Bombay (now Mumbai), in the late 1960s. What began as a nodding acquaintance between us developed into a strong friendship over the years. It did not mellow one bit even after we moved on and started living continents apart: He lives in the Southern Indian city of Mysuru and I, in New York.

In our early days in journalism, we were always broke. Rookies in journalism were paid pittance in those days. Though broke, and at the bottom rung of our career, our desire to excel professionally knew no bounds. When our career path seemed headed for a dead-end, we started entertaining the idea of leaving socialist India in search of greener pastures in the capitalist West. In his impatience to rise, Ganapathy even switched his career to advertising, as an Account Executive, for a short period.

While working at a leading advertising agency in Bombay, he spotted an ad from a Kuwait-based firm looking for an Account Executive. Though a Gulf emirate is far from ideal for a steadfast believer in civil liberties and freedom of the press, he decided to apply for the position. His plan was to use Kuwait as a springboard for his eventual hop to the West, preferably the US.

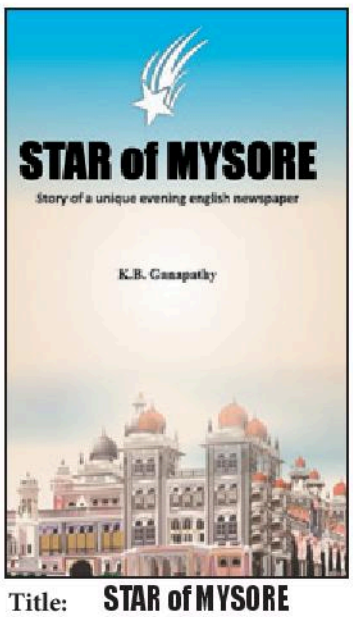
He was ecstatic when, at the end of the interview for the job, he was told by the representative of the Kuwait advertising agency that he would receive the appointment order in a few days. I remember celebrating the joyous outcome over a drink at the auntie's bar (speakeasy) near our bachelor pad, which we shared with another journalist friend, the late Colin de Souza.(In those days of farcical prohibition, most speakeasies in Bombay were operated by elderly Goan women. Hence our reference to them as aunties' bars.) The Goan feni was our favourite and affordable drink in those days.

Ganapathy quit his job at the Bombay ad agency the very next day. His relationship with his immediate boss at the agency had soured by then, anyway. So, he did the quitting with gusto. The fact that he would have to wait only for a few days to start on the new job was another reason for the hasty decision.

Alas, as ill-luck would have it, the few days turned into a few weeks, and there was no news from Kuwait. After a month's frustrating wait, he made inquiries through an independent source on what was happening. He was crestfallen to learn that the agency had reneged on its promise to hire him. He had no recourse to legal action because there was no commitment in writing.

I was with him in our bachelor pad when he received the numbing news. He and I sat there, he staring out the window and I staring at the wall and occasionally glancing at him. Neither of us uttered a word. After several minutes, I was able to persuade him to get out of the place and "join me for a walk." He knew what I had in mind. Without a moments' hesitation, he followed me. We were headed for the auntie's bar. At the bar, after several minutes' silence, sipping feni and munching potato chips, he managed to utter these words: "If I had any inkling of this, I wouldn't have resigned the job in such a haste."

In a few more days, he announced to me and Colin the next major decision he made in his life. The decision was to leave Bombay for good, move



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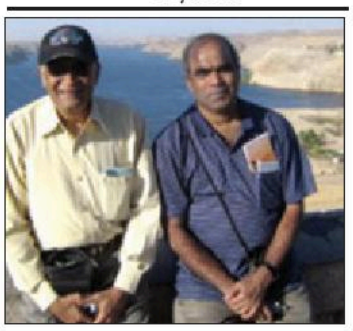

***File photo of Colin de Souza** (left) with M.P. Prabhakaran at Aswan, Egypt, in 2010.*

to Poona (now Pune), and start all over again from scratch. That was the end of our Bombay life together, sharing everything, except sex (both of us are straight) and dirty private thoughts.

By the time we reconnected, both Ganapathy and *Star of Mysore,* the newspaper he started on February 16, 1978, had become household names in Mysuru, a city in Southern India with a rich history and a population of over a million. I recalled that fateful evening in Bombay when he received the heartbreaking news from the Kuwait ad agency and thought to myself: "That was the best thing that happened to him in his life." Of course, his success is also attributable to his ability to see challenge in every crisis and his willingness to take risk. Not that all risk-takers have been successful. But without taking risk, none has achieved anything worthwhile in life.

If crises in life make one stronger, Ganapathy is a living proof of that. Refusing to be dissuaded by "the fear of the unknown" (which he talks about in the book), he ventured into newer and newer areas. *Star of Mysore,* which has been lighting up the media skyline of Mysuru every evening for 40 years now, is the outcome of one such venturing. The book of the same title that he has brought out now gives us an idea of the trials and tribulations he went through in making the paper the leading English daily of the city.

"Finances of the firm used to be tight" in its early, formative years, he says in the book. On one occasion, he had the humiliating experience of being subjected to this nasty remark by an angry employee who did not get his salary on time: "If you can't pay wages, why employ us?"

On another occasion, a report in his paper — that the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) "planned to sabotage the Mysuru-Chamarajanagar Railway line" — made the Mysuru Police furious. The reason? The report, which turned out to be based on bogus tips, had "made the Police sweat out from early morning till afternoon searching for [the non-existent] bombs." They found a creative way of punishing Ganapathy: They descended on his house in full force at 10 o'clock at night, saying that they "had intelligence report that LTTE had planted bomb" in the house. The Police made Ganapathy and his family get out of the house and remain on the road until they completed the search. By the time the search was over, at one o'clock in the morning, Ganapathy was convinced that the search was in retaliation for the LTTE story that was erroneously published in his paper. It was alluded to by no less a person than the head of the Police team that conducted the search.

The book also has some blood-chilling sections that discuss how some stories in the paper even endangered Ganapathy's life and how he "was saved by the timely and effective intervention" by a politician-friend of his. Of course, the politician, Shankaralinge Gowda, was showing his gratitude for the help he received from Ganapathy and *Star of Mysore* in his rise in Mysuru politics.

Episodes narrated in the book add to its readability. The "Prologue" to the book also gives some clues to Ganapathy's work ethic and management style, which are influenced by David Ogilvy, "the wizard of advertising." According to Ogilvy, as quoted in the book, "the best results are produced by men and women who don't have to be told what to do." Ganapathy considers himself lucky that he is blessed with such men and women as heads of the paper's "five critical departments." They are: Meera Appaiah – Editorial; T. S. Gopinath – Circulation; Maria G. Fernandes – Advertising; K. Kumar – Printing; and H. P. Prasad – Accounts.

Any institution in which the boss micromanages everything and refuses to delegate responsibilities doesn't survive the boss. Ganapathy has taken care to make sure that such a fate doesn't befall *Star of Mysore.* Aware that he, like me, is over-the-hill, he has put his two sons, Vikram Muthanna and Mickey Bopanna, at the helm of the ship, and is contemplating retirement. Before disembarking, he has this to say to his two sons: "Follow the advice of Ferdinand Magellan, Portuguese explorer, 'The sea is dangerous and its storm terrible, but these obstacles have never been sufficient reason to remain ashore.'"

Bon voyage, Vikram and Mickey! Make your father proud.

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NOTE: *I thank Prabhakaran for dissecting the book with his immaculate language and admirable precision like what an experienced surgeon does with his scalpel. However, I would like to mention that the Kuwait Ad Agency did not renege as Prabhakaran has written. In fact, the Arab Advertising Agency Limited, Kuwait, was highly co-operative and understanding of the delay on my part in providing one document from the Police. When everything looked good, Jordan war started and first I was telegraphically informed to wait and later expressed inability to get me visa as the war prolonged.* **—KBG**

Students hold signature campaign
against Kathua, Unnao rape, murders

Mysuru, Apr.21 (NNN)- Demanding protection for women in the country and condemning the rape and murder of two girls in Kathua and Unnao, the students of the University of Mysore (UoM) had organised a signature campaign at Manasagangothri campus here yesterday.

The members of the Mysore University Vidyarthi Horata Samithi, AIDSO, AIDYO, Dalit Vidyarthi Vedike and a few other organisations jointly held the campaign near the Round Canteen in the campus.

More than 1,000 students signed during the Signature Campaign and demanded protection to all the women in the country.

Student leader Sira Somashekar, who led the campaign, said that the women throughout the country are living in an atmosphere of fear and it seems like there is no protection for them.

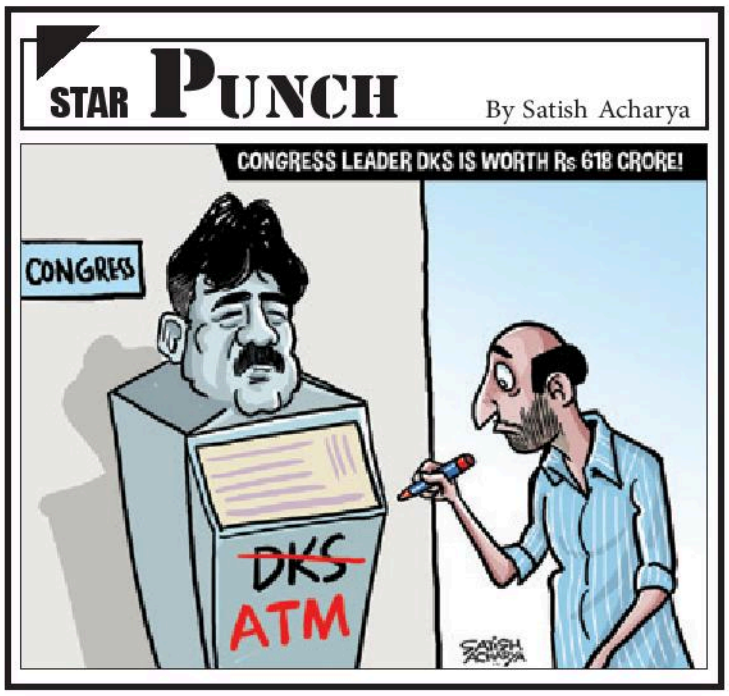
The accused who have allegedly perpetrated the crime should not be released at any cost and they should be severely punished. Justice Varma's report should be implemented, he urged.

The copies of the signatures were sent to Prime Minister Narendra Modi through the Deputy Commissioner. A copy with signatures was also sent to MP Pratap Simha.

Students Chandrakala, Ashia, Madhu, Vasanth Kalal and others participated in the campaign.

Now-a-days there is moral policing going on in University of Mysore. If boys and girls are found talking on the campus then they are looked at with suspicion. This is not a healthy development at all.

—Sira Somashekar



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Finality of SC verdicts under threat!

CJI Dipak Misra. Pic. right: ***Congress leaders Ghulam Nabi Azad, Kapil Sibal and CPI leader D. Raja at a press meet in New Delhi on Apr. 20.***

A soft coup is what the opposition is trying to pull off. And a coup it is, because what the opposition is unable to do with elections it is trying to do by breaking an important pillar of Democracy — the Judiciary.

The 64 MPs, by signing the motion to impeach the Chief Justice of India (CJI) are helping Congress party, who gave us Emergency, another chance to chip away at our Democracy. And the opposition is firing from the shoulders of the four Senior Judges of the Supreme Court, who had called a press conference to air their dissent against CJI Dipak Misra.

We bet these four Judges did not imagine politicians would hijack their dissent for political gain.

In fact, just three weeks after that press conference, Sitaram Yechury of CPI(M) initiated a move among opposition members to impeach the Chief Justice based on the claims made by the four disgruntled Judges. But sadly for him the Congress has hijacked his political game plan.

Funnily, the Judge who said our *"Democracy was in danger"* because the CJI was sending cases to whomsoever he wanted, which by the way is his right as a CJI, now says, *"CJI's impeachment is not a solution and it is the system which needs to be made transparent."*

The four Supreme Court Judges by calling a press conference on January 12 lit the spark and now politicians are warming themselves around the fire with the hope that they will rule the house one day. Unfortunately, they've lit the fire inside the house, just like they did in 1975.

Many may remember Justice Chelameswar, during the press conference of the 'disgruntled' said, *"I don't want another 20 years later some very wise men in this country blame that Chelameswar, Ranjan Gogoi, Madan Lokur and Kurian Joseph sold their souls. They didn't take care of this institution, they didn't take care of the interest of this nation."* Well dear Judges, by calling the press conference and encouraging politicians to get involved with the internal matters of the Supreme Court, you have done just that. History will judge you for weakening the Indian Judiciary.

> **"By casting aspersions on the CJI, the Congress and other Opposition parties have snatched away the all-important finality of a SC verdict."**

Now, where was the opposition all these days? Did they realise that the CJI was not suited for his job only now? Just after Justice Loya's case got thrown out? Also, it has been reported that the allegations against the CJI are not even impeachment worthy and won't go through. And how can it?

The motion if admitted has to be cleared by a three-member committee, which then must be passed with a 2/3rd majority in each house where the opposition has no numbers. And by the time all this happens CJI Misra will be long gone as he retires in six months.

Also what will be interesting to see is if the Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu refuses to admit the petition to impeach the CJI then the opposition will have to go to the Supreme Court to act against the Vice-President! Yes, they have to get permission to impeach the Chief Justice from the Chief Justice himself!? This would pit Judge against Judge. What is the opposition trying to achieve?

This reckless move by the opposition reeks of desperation. All we can assume is that they are doing this in preparation for Ayodhya verdict.

It was reported that Congress leader and senior advocate Kapil Sibal, who is leading the impeachment brigade, had urged the CJI to put off the hearing of Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid case till 2019 Lok Sabha polls citing "huge political ramifications" but CJI Misra did not oblige.

So, is Congress preparing for the Ayodhya verdict? In case it goes in favour of a temple, at least Muslims will be grateful to them for trying to kick out a "partial" Judge according to them?

By casting aspersions on the CJI, the Congress and other Opposition parties have snatched away the all-important finality of a Supreme Court verdict. Are we now to believe that Supreme Court verdict is not the final word and that if you are not happy with the verdict you can impeach the Judge and go back to the case till you get the verdict you want?

If these politicians and these former Judges really wanted to help the Judiciary, let them first debate the judicial reforms and repeal the numerous outdated British laws that we still follow. Let them cleanse the Judiciary at the lower courts which is affecting most Indians. And finally, let us make frivolous cases punishable.

For now, all that the opposition has done is that in the garb of "saving" the Judiciary they are trying to save their own political future. The grand-mother took our Democracy to the Emergency; the grandson wants to induce a cardiac arrest. That said, this reckless ambition of a young prince, who desperately wants to show his political mettle by using the Judiciary as an instrument of politics, has left an indelible mark in our history, the kind his grandmother left, the kind we wish to forget.

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Weekend STAR Supplement

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Poll-phernalia

With Khadi-clad political leaders out on election campaign trail, Khadi outlets in city are doing brisk business as sales have picked up. Almost all the Khadi shops are teeming with politicians and their supporters. Nor only Khadi clothes, other election essentials like colourful party flags, caps, shiny party-colour petas, Shalyas and other paraphernalia are also in great demand. This *Weekend Star Supplement* features those businessmen who are an integral part of a political campaign without whom elections are just bland.

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Election Carnival is here...

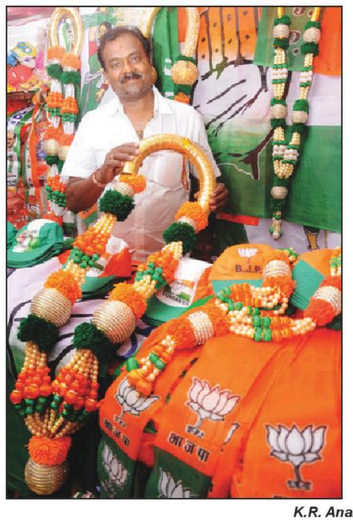
By V. Shourabh

With summer and elections coming hand-in-hand, the atmosphere in Mysuru is heated up. With sweltering temperatures and election round the corner, the city is stuck in a cobweb of heat, pressure, seething anxiety as people prepare for a charged-up political action. And what a better way to keep bodies cool than wear Khadi?

Though election campaigns in India have evolved over decades, one thing that has been constant is the use of Khadi clothes by politicians. Khadi or Khaddar is something that is closely associated with India's freedom struggle. This hand-spun cloth which has seen a transition from handlooms to powerlooms is still a relevant phenomenon in moving the masses.

N. Jenesha of Janatha Agencies has wide varieties of campaign materials that are desired by all political parties.

The owner of the shop, N. Jenesha says, "Till now there has not been much business of election items this year. Earlier, parties used to come and get their flexes and big banners designed by us. But perhaps it could be because of the bans imposed by officials on flexes and banners this year, there have not been many sales. This time, we have got specially designed caps and petas of Congress, BJP and JD(S) which have been procured from other states. We are hoping when parties go for door to door campaigning, they will buy caps, Shalyas from us and distribute to them." Jenesha adds that in the near future, his shop will start manufacturing such petas so that the materials get a local flavour.



K.R. Anand of Jupiter Forum displays election campaign materials at his outlet.

With the election date nearing, political parties and campaigners are hoping to create a festive environment for their party. With the use of buntings, balloons, party caps, fairy serial lights, and other decorative items, parties are hoping to leave a huge impact in the minds of voters. A few stores in Mysuru cater to such exclusive election decorative items. No wonder it is the festival of democracy and no carnival is complete without proper celebrations and decorations.

K.R. Anand runs the Jupiter Forum in Shivarampet where decoration items that include election party decorations, political rally decorations such as flags, caps, flexes, buntings, party hats, etc. are sold. He says, "In Mysuru there is a small spike in our business whenever big political heads come down. We made a reasonable business recently, when Rahul Gandhi, Amit Shah, H.D. Kumaraswamy and Siddharamaiah came. A lot of shawls, petas and garlands were sold during that period."

"We have been running this store since 70 years. Our store was earlier near Chikka Gadiyara. Those days, elections used to be like a festival and campaigns used to be like *Jaatres* (carnival). We used to sell buntings and political flags that would be decorated all along the roads and streets and we used to receive orders for huge flexes. The common public during those days used to predict the winner or the popularity of the candidate by analysing which party's decorations outnumbered the other. But today, we cannot even predict how our sales will be," he adds.

Janatha Agencies located on the Krishna Rice Mill Building on the 100 Feet Road is another such shop which prepares decoration items especially for elections. This store which has been functioning since 25 years mainly caters to sports trophies, cups, medals and other mementos. But during election season, they, along with other decorative items, sell specially designed election buntings, lights, banners, flexes, caps, petas etc.

Courting the Khadi Kurta

This white-coarse Khadi was a political weapon which broke the monopoly of British mills and saw a rise in India's indigenous cotton. With the use of Charkha, Khadi was hand-spun to mark the start of a manufacturing revolution in India. With its early inception, since the days of Swadeshi movement, Khadi has seen a great transition from being the fabric of freedom to the modern day fashion statement.

Considering the popularity and the power of Khadi, politicians chose Khadi as an integral part of their lifestyle and started their political stint. For them, wearing Khadi is staying connected with India's formation of democracy and struggle for freedom.

This fashion statement has been passed on from one generation to the other and Indian politicians have stuck to Khadi as a symbol of nationalism.

Khadi has become the trademark of politicians and as the election season is here, crisp Khadi clothes are flying off the shelves from all Khadi stores in city. Cashing on the trend, most of the stores are offering discounts that range between 15 to 30 per cent.

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I am not a candidate but I am canvassing for Congress candidate. Just yesterday I bought four white Khadi shirts costing Rs.3,600. In the blazing sun, while we are on the move seeking votes, Khadi keeps us cool.

— Chandregowda
Congress Party worker
Chamundeshwari Constituency

Khadi Couture in city

Tailor Kantharaju on Dhanvantri Road is in demand now for customised Khadi cloth. Picture right shows City Congress President R. Murthy at his Khadi store on M.G. Road near K.R. Police Station.

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Jagadeesh, who owns Tirupur Khadi Store at Lansdowne building, says, "It is election season and business has increased. We sell Khadi shirts, pants, towels, National flags, lungis, etc along with Khadi cloth material. We are in the business since 85 to 90 years. Business is generally good in summer as Khadi acts smooth on our skins. We get finished products from Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and parts of Karnataka."

Sales have picked up at Khadi Vastralaya on Dhanvantri Road popular as Khadi Bharat. This store offers a variety of Khadi items like shirts, Jubba, Kurta, Pyjamas, bedspreads, Gandhi Cap, dresses for women, shawls, etc.

Mallikarjuna Aradhya of the store, says, "The sales have gone up after the election dates were announced. We are earning Rs. 30,000 extra on a daily basis compared to other days. The range of Khadi material varies from Rs. 160 per metre to Rs. 500 per metre depending on the quality. We are offering 15% discount. Generally many political parties buy material from us and get their dress stitched outside."

Khadi Vastralaya also has a tagline – 'Ushna Kalai Sheetham, Sheetha Kalai Ushnam, Adhuvai Khadi Vastram' meaning that Khadi cloth provides a cooling effect during summer and warmth during winter. Claiming Khadi to be an all-round the year cloth, B.M. Rajappa, Manager, Khadi Vastralaya, said, "We have been in this business since three years and we get our products from Badanavalu Khadi Kendra. We use only handloom for weaving the thread. We have designed short Kurtas which have recently become fashionable."

Mallikarjuna Aradhya at his Khadi shop on Dhanvantri Road.

Even at Khadi Bhandar on Sayyaji Rao Road near Agrahara Circle, the sale of Khadi has gone up. The owner of the shop Shivappaji was all smiles when he said, "We stock Khadi from Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Mumbai and sell Khadi silk. We are also offering 20 to 30% discount. Along with Khadi clothes, coloured Shalyas (a long piece of cloth slung over the shoulders) of Congress and BJP are also in great demand."

However, sales at Khadi Store near K.R. Police Station, close to Agrahara Circle, are yet to pick up. "We are yet to see the election season sale though we have our normal sales. As the party tickets have been announced, business is likely to pick up," said M. Naveen of the store ■

Jagadeesh and one of his employees displaying Khadi cloth material to a customer at their Tirupur Khadi Store at Lansdowne Building. Picture right shows Shivappaji at his Khadi Bhandar store on Sayyaji Rao Road.

Five arrested for stone-pelting at Kyathamaranahalli

Section 144 imposed in Udayagiri limits will continue till 5 pm tomorrow

FLAG MARCH TO INSTIL CONFIDENCE: ***Battalions of Paramilitary Forces including the Rapid Action Force, Seema Suraksha Bal and the Indo-Tibetan Border Police that are camping in the city to maintain peace for the upcoming Assembly elections, joined the City Police and the Mounted Police Force to conduct a Flag March this morning following the incidents of violence at Kyathamaranahalli last evening. The Flag March was conducted to show the presence of the Armed Forces in the area in order to prevent further chaos by mobs. One more Flag March will be held this evening.***

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (RK,SBD &BCT)- In an incident that occurred close to the forthcoming Assembly election, groups clashed with each other at Kyathamaranahalli in city last evening. Stones were pelted, and over 12 persons including Vijayanagar Police Inspector Anil Kumar were injured. The administration has issued prohibitory orders under Section 144 to control the situation.

Latest reports said that over five persons have been arrested for pelting stones and creating trouble. Udayagiri Police said that while three persons have been arrested late last night, two were rounded up this morning. The Section 144 imposed in the entire Udayagiri Police limits will be in force till 5 pm tomorrow.

Kyathamaranahalli has always been known to be a sensitive area. Yesterday, some groups had taken out a rally to protest against rape and murder incident at Kathua, Kashmir, which has rocked the nation.

According to Udayagiri Police personnel, the trouble erupted yesterday afternoon when hundreds of two-wheelers took out a rally on Azeez Sait Double Road in Udayagiri, calling for bandh in the wake of sexual assault. Separate rallies were also held in Udayagiri limits where rallyists demanded death sentence to rapists. Some rallyists tried to force shops to down their shutters during the rally, which was objected to by people.

This gave rise to exchange of heated words between the groups. Some elders who intervened, pacified people and succeeded in sending them away, after which, youngsters forming part of the rally, rushed into nearby shops and threw away things found there. Angered by this incident, owners of the shops and some local men objected to it.

At this point, the situation threatened to go out of control as the groups seemed to be heading for physical fight. The Police rushed to the spot in time and dispersed both the crowds. The Police also rushed a platoon of Karnataka State Reserve Police (KSRP) personnel to the spot.

It was at that time, when inspector Anil Kumar, attached to Vijayanagar Police, who was leading the auxiliary force on foot, was hit by a stone on his forehead. Protests were held and groups roamed in the streets of Udayagiri, Kyathamaranahalli, Mandi Mohalla, N.R. Mohalla Rajivnagar, Ghousia Nagar and surrounding areas. Sensing the tense situation, the administration clamped Section 144 and chased groups who were planning protests.

The Police also resorted to lathi charge to disperse the crowd. Additional Police forces were rushed to the spot and senior Police officers including Assistant Commissioner of Police from Devaraja and Narasimharaja Sub-Divisions camped in the areas to bring the situation under control.

According to preliminary investigation, it is suspected to be a pre-mediated act as the timing of the rally that was taken out from several parts of the city coincided with the filing of nomination by Chief Minister Siddharamaiah.

City Police Commissioner Dr. A Subramanyeswara Rao said that the rallyists did not seek Police permission before taking out the procession. "Whoever takes law into their hands will be punished and action will be taken as per law," he said.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha has alleged that groups were intentionally creating trouble. Sitting on a dharna at Tent Circle, he blamed the lax attitude of the Police. He has appealed to the Police to put trouble mongers behind bars and ensure that people will indulge in electoral process in a free and fair manner.

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Battle lines drawn as CM, GTD file papers for Chamundeshwari

Chief Minister Siddharamaiah filing his nomination papers for the Chamundeshwari Constituency before the Returning Officer B. Venkatesh at the Taluk office in Mini Vidhana Soudha building yesterday. Picture right shows MLA G.T. Devegowda filing his nomination papers at the same place.

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (RKB&BCT)- Chief Minister Siddharamaiah and JD(S) leader and incumbent Chamundeshwari constituency MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD) filed their nomination papers yesterday for the prestigious Chamundeshwari segment that both parties are hell-bent on winning.

Siddharamaiah's high-profile nomination from Chamundeshwari, which he last represented in 2004, saw some drama. The procession accompanying him clashed with the followers of Devegowda at Chamaraja Circle. This forced the Police to resort to a lathi charge to control the mob fury.

The CM arrived at Chamaraja Circle, after special prayers at Siddarameshwara Temple at his native village in Siddaramanahundi, and Chamundeshwari Temple atop the Chamundi Hill, where his supporters accorded him a rousing reception. Devegowda too visited the Chamundeshwari Temple along with his family to perform special pujas before he filed the nominations.

After the puja rituals, Devegowda and his supporters arrived at Mini Vidhana Soudha to file his papers at 2.05 pm and filed his nominations in three sets at 2.10 pm before Returning Officer B. Venkatesh. Devegowda's wife Lalitha, Zilla Panchayat member Beerihundi Basavanna, Belawadi Shivamurthy and other leaders were present.

Siddharamaiah too arrived at the Mini Vidhana Soudha at 2.15 pm only to realise that his friend-turned-foe G.T. Devegowda was with the Returning Officer filing his papers. He had to wait for over 20 minutes at the waiting room. Soon after Devegowda left the venue at 2.30 pm, Siddharamaiah went to the Returning Officer's office to file his papers at 2.35 pm.

Siddharamaiah submitted the papers in two sets. District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijayakumar, Former Chairperson of Women's Commission Manjula Manasa, leaders Bogadi Krishnamadegowda, Mavinahalli Siddegowda, Marballi Kumar and others were present.

"CM never cared for Chamundeshwari"

After filing the papers, Devegowda said he and Siddharamaiah were together from 1983 to 2006 and worked for each other's success in politics. "After Siddharamaiah shifted to Varuna Assembly segment in 2008, he never cared for the people of the Chamundeshwari segment. But, now, to make way for his son Dr. Yathindra, Siddharamaiah wants to return to Chamundeshwari," he said.

"Earlier, Siddharamaiah used to say Chamundeshwari was his Karma Bhoomi but now he is saying Badami is close to his heart. People of Chamundeshwari have already decided to teach a befitting lesson to the CM. Siddharamaiah very well knows that if H.D. Kumaraswamy and G.T. Devegowda join hands, he (CM) will be defeated. That is why he is migrating to Badami," he added.

"Happy with people's support"

Chief Minister Siddharamaiah said he is happy with the people's support. "I have an emotional bonding for the Chamundeshwari segment. Thus, I decided to end my electoral politics from the segment from where I started. I have political opponents but not enemies," Siddharamaiah said.

"I have filed the nomination papers without any confusion or tension. This is my last elections and I have got tremendous response during my campaigns. This shows that people have decided to bless me," he said. Siddharamaiah was first elected from Chamundeshwari segment as an Independent in 1983, but, he shifted to Varuna segment in 2008.

GTD waits for auspicious time to file papers, CM visits 3 temples

CM Siddharamaiah and his son Dr. Yathindra at the Chamundeshwari temple atop Chamundi Hill.

Mysuru, Apr. 21- Prominent among those who filed their nomination papers yesterday included CM Siddharamaiah and G.T. Devegowda (GTD) from Chamundeshwari assembly constituency, JD(S) State President H.D. Kumaraswamy from Ramanagaram and Channapattana, JD(S) leader H.D. Revanna from Holenarasipura, Minister Ramalinga Reddy from BTM Layout, BJP Leader Suresh Kumar from Rajajinagar in Bengaluru.

Many candidates waited for Friday and filed their papers at the auspicious hour. G.T. Devegowda, who entered the Returning Officer's chamber at Mini Vidhana Soudha to file his nomination papers, sat in the returning officer's chamber waiting for the clock to strike an 'auspicious hour' of 2.10 pm to complete the formalities.

Astrologers said that Friday, being the Vyshaaka Masa Panchami (the fifth day of the second month of the Hindu calendar), was considered favourable. Victory is sure for those who follow the time as per astrology. Being Friday, one has to do Devistuthi (worship the Goddess) and it is considered auspicious. Those who do this will lead the race and they will not face any hurdle, astrologers said.

Even Siddharamaiah, who is generally projected as a 'not-so-God-fearing' person, offered pujas at three temples — Siddarameshwara Temple at Siddaramanahundi, Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill and Kote Anjaneya Temple located at the North Gate of Mysuru Palace.

Yeddyurappa may take on Siddharamaiah at Badami

BJP State President B.S. Yeddyurappa filing his nomination papers for Shikaripura Assembly Constituency on Thursday.

Bengaluru, Apr. 21 - Speculation is rife in the State BJP circles that party's chief ministerial candidate B.S. Yeddyurappa may contest from Badami in Bagalkot district if Chief Minister Siddharamaiah decides to contest from there.

Sources in the party said BJP National President Amit Shah has indicated that Yeddyurappa will be pitted against Siddharamaiah from Badami in case the latter decides to contest from two constituencies — Chamundeshwari and Badami.

The party is also considering fielding either its Nayaka community leader B. Sriramulu or businessman Vijay Sankeshwar from Badami. Sankeshwar belongs to the Lingayat community. The name of BJP MP Gaddigoudar is also making the rounds as the likely candidate from the constituency.

In five years, Chief Minister got richer by Rs.6.75 crore

Siddharamaiah on a procession before filing nomination yesterday.

Mysuru, Apr. 21- Chief Minister Siddharamaiah has declared assets to the tune of Rs.20.36 crore, an increase of Rs.6.75 crore, when compared to Rs.13.61 crore assets he had declared during 2013 elections.

In Varuna, his son, Dr.Yathindra has declared a wealth of Rs.32 crore including movable properties worth Rs.4 crore and immovable properties worth Rs.8.89 crore. He has a fixed deposit of Rs.92.42 lakh and two commercial complexes in Bengaluru worth Rs.18.5 crore.

According to the affidavit submitted yesterday while filing his nomination papers, Siddharamaiah owns immovable assets worth Rs.15.65 crore and moveable assets worth Rs.4.71 crore. It includes assets worth Rs.11.2 crore in his name, moveable assets of Rs.3.9 crore and immovable properties worth Rs.7.3 crore. However, he owes Rs.2.59 crore to banks and individuals including his wife Parvathi, so also his wife owes Rs.2.26 crore. He has no criminal case or civil cases against him.

Siddharamaiah has Rs.41.78 lakh in hand, that includes Rs.14.92 lakh (State Bank of India, Vidhana Soudha branch, Bengaluru), Rs.21.77 lakh at Syndicate Bank, Vijayanagar in Bengaluru and Rs.7.08 lakh at Vijaya Bank, Kuvempunagar in Mysuru.

While his wife has Rs.5.98 lakh in two banks — Rs.21,151 at Corporation Bank, Basaveshwara Nagar and Rs.5.77 lakh at Syndicate Bank, Vijayanagar branch, both in Bengaluru. While in the name of Hindu Undivided Family (HUF), they have Rs.27,663 at The Mysore Cooperative Bank Limited and Rs.1.02 lakh at Vijaya Bank, Kuvempunagar branch in Mysuru.

Siddharamaiah has no fixed deposits, while his wife has an FD of Rs.4.41 lakh at Corporation Bank in Bengaluru and Rs.8 lakh at Syndicate Bank, transferred from her late mother Mahadevamma, totalling Rs.12.41 lakh in FDs.

Siddharamaiah also has no savings to his credit, while his wife has invested Rs.4.02 lakh on various LIC policies. The share amount of HUF at Mysore Merchants Cooperative Bank Limited is valued at Rs.20,000.

Interestingly, he has advanced a loan of Rs.2.26 crore to his wife, Rs.78 lakh to his younger son Dr. Yathindra, Rs.8.10 lakh to 'I Fitness' and Rs.6.15 lakh to Lab India Instruments Pvt. Ltd.

The only vehicle he owns is a 2008-make Toyota Innova while. He has 350 grams gold valued at Rs.10.5 lakh, two kg silver wares worth Rs.90,000 and house-hold articles worth Rs.1.5 lakh.

Parvathi has more gold when compared to her husband. She has 540 gram gold and 4.5 kg silver valuables.

Dr. Yathindra has more gold than his parents, as he has 610 gram gold worth Rs.18.3 lakh and silver 5.7 kg worth Rs.2.13 lakh, followed by household articles worth Rs.2.25 lakh and amount due on sale from agricultural proceeds worth Rs.11.23 lakh.

In the list of immovable assets, he owns four acres and four guntas of land at survey number 61, Hosahalli village, Varuna hobli, Mysuru taluk, purchased at the cost of Rs.2.75 lakh and now valued at Rs.10 lakh. A building on West of Chord Road in Bengaluru worth Rs.5 crore, while his wife has been gifted a land worth Rs.5 lakh from her brother Mallikarjuna Swamy at Kesare village in Mysuru. He owns a 120x80 square feet site at Kuvempunagar Mysuru worth Rs.4.5 crore and flat worth Rs.1.25 crore at Malleswaram in Bengaluru.

MLA G.T. Devegowda got wealthier by Rs.27.42 crore

Chamundeshwari JD(S) candidate G.T. Devegowda posing with party State President H.D. Kumaraswamy's portrait during the procession.

Mysuru, Apr.21- In five years, the assets of Chamundeshwari MLA 63-year-old G.T. Devegowda has increased by Rs.27.42 crore. In 2013, his family assets were pegged at Rs.12.33 crore.

In his affidavit submitted before the Returning Officer while filing his nomination papers yesterday, G.T. Devegowda's assets have increased to Rs.39.76 crore. Devegowda, who has studied till 8th Standard, has a movable property of Rs.84.76 lakh and a cash of Rs.2.96 lakh. His wife K. Lalitha has Rs.73.83 lakh worth movable property.

The family has not invested either in share market or in mutual funds. Devegowda has insurance policies worth Rs.5.50 lakh and his wife has policies worth Rs.2.62 lakh. He has lent a land advance loan of Rs.46 lakh and owns a scooter and a car. His wife also owns another car.

Devegowda has claimed that he is an agriculturist and he has 100 grams of gold worth Rs.2.50 lakh and his wife has 400 grams of gold worth Rs.10 lakh. They own silverwares worth 8 kilograms of silver worth Rs.4 lakh. He owns agricultural land in seven places including 2.12 acres at Gungralchatra and 10 acres at Ratnahalli.

He owns non-agricultural land at Huilalu village, a house site at Vijayanagar Fourth Stage, a site in the name of his wife at Dattagalli. He does not own any commercial complexes. He owns a house at Vijayanagar First Stage and one more house at Sadashivanagar in Bengaluru. The market value of the houses is Rs. 2.25 crore and Rs. 7 crore.

Devegowda's wife owns a residential building at Hunsur that is worth Rs.90 lakh and has movable properties worth Rs.1.50 crore. The MLA has immovable property worth Rs.13.69 crore. He has obtained a loan of Rs.4.93 crore from Corporation Bank Vontikoppal and also has given Rs.1.46 crore to his son as loan.

Appachu Ranjan files nomination from Madikeri

BJP candidate Mandepanda Appachu Ranjan presenting his nomination papers to Assistant Commissioner Ramesh Konareddy, who is also the Assistant Electoral Officer, at the District Administration office yesterday.

Madikeri, Apr.21- Madikeri Assembly segment BJP candidate Mandepanda Appachu Ranjan filed his nomination for the seat yesterday.

Appachu Ranjan, a former Minister, accompanied by hundreds of supporters, performed special puja at the town's famous Chowdeshwari Temple at 10.30 am, before marching in a grand procession to the District Administration office where he presented his nomination papers to Assistant Commissioner Ramesh Konareddy, who is also the Assistant Electoral Officer.

However, as only five persons are allowed inside while filing nominations, Appachu Ranjan was accompanied by MP Pratap Simha, Virajpet MLA K.G. Bopaiah, Kodagu District BJP President B.B. Bharateesh and Somwarpet Taluk Panchayat Vice-President Abhimanyu Kumar.

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IPL Fan Park comes to city this weekend

Watch matches on giant screen at Mahajana Ground

Mysuru, Apr.21 (NNN)- The IPL cricket matches going on in different parts of the country can now be viewed by the cricket lovers in Mysuru too on the big screen, said Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) Mysuru Zone Chairman Sudhakar Rai.

Addressing a press conference at Pathrakartara Bhavan here yesterday, he said that the matches on Apr.21 and Apr.22 can be watched on a big screen at Mahajana College Ground in Jayalakshmipuram. "Watching it on the big screen will be like watching it live in the Cricket Stadium where the matches are going on," he said.

The matches on both the days can be watched at 4 pm and 8 pm. Fun games have been organised during the matches and special prizes are also on offer. More than 5,000 people are expected to gather and special areas are earmarked for women, children and elderly people. The entry to the ground is free, he said.

"The BCCI has selected Mysuru city for the third time, among 36 cities to host the VIVO IPL Fan Park," he added.

BCCI representative Ananth Dutt was also present during the press meet.

Watson's ton helps CSK score good win over RR

Pune, Apr.21- Shane Watson starred with the bat, scoring a century, before bowlers completed the job as Chennai Super Kings (CSK) registered a clinical 64-run victory over the Rajasthan Royals (RR) in Pune yesterday.

Put into bat, CSK openers Ambati Rayudu and Shane Watson (106, 57b, 9x4, 6x6), put up 50 runs for the first wicket, with Watson being particularly aggressive. He was dropped in the first over as Rahul Tripathi dropped a sitter at first slip, which proved to be costly.

After Rayudu's departure, Suresh Raina — who was returning after an injury — scored a blistering 46 off just 29 deliveries, with 9 boundaries as he put on a 81-run stand for the second wicket with Watson going big at the other end.

Royals did manage to fight back as leg spinner Shreyas Gopal got Raina, M.S. Dhoni and Sam Billings in quick succession. He was the standout bowler, picking 3/20 in his 4 overs.

But Royals didn't have an answer to their former player, who was particularly brutal and was clearing boundaries at will. He hit six sixes and nine boundaries in his innings, and scored 104 off just 57 balls, at strike rate of 186.

Binny, Gowtham, Stokes and Unadkat all felt Watson's force as CSK ended at 204/5.

For Royals to have any sort of a chance, they needed a bright start but CSK bowlers ensured that there weren't any easy runs on offer.

Thakur removed Klaasen and Chahar picked up Rahane & in-form Sanju Samson as Royals were reduced to 32/3.

Buttler and Stokes did get together, to put up 45-runs for the fourth wicket to spark some sort of a contest but then Bravo got Buttler off a slower ball to extinguish all hopes.

CSK used seven bowlers and almost all of them were among wickets with Chahar, Thakur, Bravo and Sharma picking two each while Tahir and Watson getting one each. It was a comprehensive performance by CSK in what is to be their home ground for the remainder of the season.

Shane Watson was adjudged as the Man of the Match.

IPL Season-11

Today's Matches

KKR Vs KXIP
Eden Gardens, Kolkata, **4 pm**

RCB Vs DD
M. Chinnaswamy Stadium Bengaluru, **8 pm**

Tomorrow's Matches

SRH Vs CSK
Rajiv Gandhi Intl. Cricket Stadium, Hyderabad, **4 pm**

RR Vs MI
Sawai Man Singh Stadium, Jaipur, **8 pm**

Yesterday's Result

CSK 204/5 (20 overs) beat **RR** 140 (18.3 overs)

Live Telecast on STAR SPORTS

[Source: www.iplt20.com]

Karnataka State FIDE Rated U-15 Open and Girls Chess

Abhi Nayak shocks Chirag

Mysuru, Apr.21- Lowly ranked S. Abhi Nayak (1179) of Mysuru, playing with black pieces on the third board, scored an upset win over third seeded and highly ranked Chirag Mudraje (1641) of Dakshina Kannada and has secured two points from two rounds, in the inaugural day of the Karnataka State FIDE Rated U-15 Open Chess Championship 2018, conducted by Mysore Chess Centre at the Hotel Paradise Hall here yesterday.

Top seed P. Jagadish, second seed Keshav Kothari, fourth seed Rohith Srinivas and fifth seed AIM Kaushik G. Iyer had good wins over their respective rivals. In all, 48 players are tied with 2 points each from 2 rounds.

IMPORTANT RESULTS
2ND ROUND

Open: P.Jagadish (2) bt Siddarth (1), Pannag Kumarr (1) lost to Keshav Kothari (2), Chirag Mudraje (1) lost to S. Abhi Nayak (2), V. Avinash (1) lost to Rakshith Srinivas (2), Kaushik G. Iyer (2) bt Sriganesh (1), Ajay (1) lost to Shree Krishna Pranama (2), M. Shivanth (1.5) drew with Rohith Venugopal (1.5), M.G. Prameeth (1) lost to Arhan Chethan Anand (2), Shreyas Pavan (2) bt K. Vaibhav (1), Prahaladha Udupa (1) lost to D. Kalki Eshwar (2), Chaitanya Ganesh (2) bt Chinmay Koushik (1).

Girls U-15: Prachi Bhatti (2) bt B. Vaishnavi (1), Muttania Wilfred (1) lost to Sanjana Raghunath (2), Shriya R. Revankar (2) bt D. Jaanvi (1), S. Manasi (1) lost to K. Deepthi Lakshmi (2), Kushi M. Hombal (2) bt C.T. Anamika Menon (1), S..Meghana (2) bt Prasiddhi Bhat (1), Anya Seth Syed (2) bt Zoya Nizar (1), Vindya Sridhar (1) lost to WCM A.N. Shefali (2), Hemadri Satish (2) bt WCM Shriya S. Mallya (1).

KSCA Mysuru Zone Inter-District U-14 Tourney

Rohith Gowtham shines

Mysuru, Apr.21- A skipper's knock by opening batsman Rohith Gowtham (106, 13x4s), helped Combined XI to score a big 96-run win over Convener XI in the KSCA Mysuru Zone Inter-District U-14 Cricket Tournament match played at the SDNR Wadiyar Platinum Jubilee University Grounds here yesterday.

SCORES: U-14 Combined XI: 291 in 48 overs (Rohith 106, Akhil Kashyap 70) bt **Convener XI:** 195 for 9 in 50 overs (K. Kethan 53, P. Gagan 45). **Chairman XI:** 238 in 49.4 overs (Yashwanth 69, J. Neelakash 67 n.o., S. Likith 25) bt **Charmarajanagar XI:** 86 in 36 overs (Ronith D. Singh 28, S.R. Chiranthan 25, M.S. Yashwanth 5 for 4).

Football: Facile win for Railwaymen

Mysuru, Apr. 21- South Western Railway South FC yesterday registered a well earned 3-1 win over Mysore Police FC in the MDFA 'A' Division Football League 2017-18 for the Achutharao Memorial Trophy played at the University Grounds here.

RESULTS

South Western Railway South FC: 3 (Mohith 3, Jishnu 41, Denwar 51) bt **Mysore Police FC:** 1 (Nirikshith 17).

Winners of Southern India Golf Championship

A group photo of the winners of various categories in the Southern India Ladies and Junior Golf Championship held at Clover Greens, Golf Course in Hosur on Thursday. Seen are (from left) Mysuru's Vidhatri K. Urs (Category C), Kushi Hooda (Category B) and Sifat Alag (Ladies).

KARNATAKA ASSEMBLY POLLS - 2018

2nd list of JD(S) candidates

Sl. No.	Constituency	Candidate
1	Kagwad	Mogannanavar
2	Kudachi (SC)	Rajendraannappa Haihole
3	Hukkeri	M.B. Patil
4	Gokak	Kariyappa Lakshman Talwar
5	Yamkanamaradi (ST)	Shankar Barmagasthi
6	Belagavi North	Dharmaraj
7	Khanapur	Nasir Bhagvan
8	Saundatti	D.F. Patil
9	Mudhol (SC)	Shankar Naik
10	Jamkhandi	Sadashivamaruti Kalaal
11	Bilgi	Sangappa Tandgal
12	Hungund	Shivannagoundi
13	Muddebihal	Mangaladevi Biradar
14	Devarahippargi	Rajugowda Patil
15	Sedam	Sunitha
16	Basavakalyan	P.G.R. Sindhya
17	Bhalki	Prakash Kandre
18	Aurad (SC)	Dhanaji Jadhav
19	Raichur Rural (ST)	Ravi Patil
20	Raichur	Mahantesh Patil
21	Gangawati	Kariyanna Sangati
22	Koppal	Sayyed
23	Ron	Ravi Doddameti
24	Nargund	Girish Patil
25	Rajarajeshwarinagar	G.H. Ramachandra
26	Malleswaram	Madhusudhan
27	C.V. Raman Nagar (SC)	Ramesh
28	Shantinagar	Sridhar Reddy
29	Rajajinagar	Jedarahalli Krishnappa
30	Chamrajpet	Altaf
31	Chickpet	Hemchandra Sagar
32	Jayanagar	Tanveer Ahmad
33	Bengaluru South	R. Prabhakar Reddy
34	Channapatna	H.D Kumaraswamy
35	Mandya	M. Srinivas
36	Moodabidri	Amarnath Shetty
37	Nanjangud (SC)	Dayananda
38	Hanur	Manjunath
39	Bommanahalli	N. Somshekar
40	Kanakapura	Narayanagowda
41	Afjalpur	Govind Bhat
42	Kalghat	Nimbanna
43	Shiggaon	Ashok Bevinamarad
44	Hadagalli (SC)	Putresh
45	Hagaribommanahalli (SC)	S. Krishna Naik
46	Kampli (ST)	B. Narayanappa
47	Siruguppa (ST)	G.K. Hanumanthappa
48	Ballari (ST)	Thayanna
49	Ballari City	Iqbal Ahmad
50	Hosadurga	Shashikumar
51	Jagalur (ST)	Devendrappa
52	Davanagere North	Vaddanahalli Shivashankar
53	Davanagere South	Amanulla Khan
54	Kundapura	Tekkatte Prakahshetty
55	Tarikere	Shivashankarappa
56	Gauribidanur	Narasimhamurthy

3rd list of BJP candidates

Sl. No.	Constituency	Candidate
1	Belagavi North	Anil Benake
2	Belagavi South	Abhay Patil
3	Khanapur	Vittal Halagekar
4	Kittur	Mahantesh Doddagoudar
5	Basavana Bagevadi	Sangaraja Desai
6	Nagthan (SC)	Dr. Gopal Karjol
7	Chittapur (SC)	Valmiki Naik
8	Chincholi (SC)	Sunil Valyapure
9	Kalaburagi Rural (SC)	Basavaraj Mattimod
10	Humnabad	Subhash Kallur
11	Bidar South	Dr. Shailendra Beldale
12	Manvi (ST)	Manappa Naik
13	Sindhanur	Kolla Sheshagiri Rao
14	Kundgol	S.I. Chikkanagoudar
15	Hubballi-Dharwad-East (SC)	Chandrashekar Gokak
16	Kumta	Dinakara Shetty
17	Haveri (SC)	Nehru Olekar
18	Ranibennur	Dr. Basavaraj Kelgar
19	Kudligi (ST)	N.Y. Gopalakrishna
20	Jagalur (ST)	S.V. Ramachandra
21	Harapanahalli	Karunakar Reddy
22	Harihar	B.P. Harish
23	Davanagere South	Yeshwantrao Jadhav
24	Mayakonda (SC)	Prof. Linganna
25	Udupi	K. Raghupathi Bhat
26	Kapu	Lalaji Mendan
27	Mudigere (SC)	M.P. Kumaraswamy
28	Tarikere	D.S. Suresh
29	Kunigal	D. Krishnakumar
30	Pavagada (SC)	G.V. Balaram
31	Gauribidanur	Jaipal Reddy
32	Bagepalli	Saikumar
33	Chintamani	N. Shankar
34	Srinivaspur	Venkate Gowda
35	Mulbagal (SC)	Amarish
36	Pulakeshi Nagar (SC)	Susheela Devraj
37	Sarvagna Nagar	M.N. Reddy
38	Gandhi Nagar	Saptagiri Gowda
39	Chamrajpet	M. Laxminarayana
40	Devanahalli (SC)	K. Nagesh
41	Nelamangala (SC)	M.V. Nagaraja
42	Maddur	Satheesh
43	Melukote	H. Manjunath
44	Mandya	Basavegowda
45	Nagamangala	Dr. Parthasarathi
46	Krishnarajpet	Bukahalli Manjunath
47	Shravanabelagola	Shivananje Gowda
48	Arsikere	Dr. Arun Somanna
49	Holenarasipur	H. Raju Gowda
50	Mangaluru City North	Dr. Bharath Shetty
51	Mangaluru City South	Vedavyas Kanath
52	Mangaluru	Santhosh Kumar Rai
53	Virajpet	K.G. Bopaiah
54	Krishnarajanagara	Shwetha Gopal
55	Hunsur	Ramesh Kumar
56	Chamundeshwari	Gopal Rao
57	Krishnaraja	S.A. Ramadas
58	Chamaraja	L. Nagendra
59	T. Narasipur (SC)	S. Shankar
Change of Candidate		
1	Kolar Gold Field (SC)	S. Ashwini

TEASER

By N. Prakash

Training for Booth officers at respective Constituency tomorrow

Mysuru, Apr.21 (US)- A training for Polling Booth Officers — Returning Officers (ROs), Assistant Returning Officer (AROs) and Polling Officers (POs) — has been arranged tomorrow in the jurisdiction of respective Assembly Constituencies from 9 am.

All the designated 16,565 booth officers have been asked by Deputy Commissioner, who is also the District Electoral Officer, to report for training without fail at the respective venues.

Periyapatna Constituency: Pushpa Convent; K.R. Nagar: Government FGC; Hunsur: St. Joseph's College; H.D. Kote: St. Mary's Higher Primary School; Nanjangud: Carmel English Medium School, Opp. Mini Vidhana Soudha; Chamundeshwari: St. Joseph's School, Jayalakshmipuram; Krishnaraja: Maharaja College Centenary Hall; Chamaraja: Maharani's New College, Valmiki Road; Narasimharaja: JSS College, Ooty Road; Varuna: JSS PU College, Devirammanahalli, Nanjangud; T. Narasipur: Vidyodaya Institutions.

Man goes missing from city

Mysuru, Apr.21 (KS)- A 33-year-old man, who left his house on Apr.8 at about 9.30 pm, saying that he was going to his colleague's house, has since gone missing. The missing person is Ramu, a resident of B.M. Sri Nagar.

Ramu

Ramu is 5.5 ft. tall, fair complexioned, oval faced, normal built, speaks Kannada and Tamil and was wearing a red coloured shirt and black pant at the time of going missing. Those having any information about the missing person may contact Metagalli Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418315 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

Obituary

V.N. Nanjundaswamy

Mysuru, Apr.21- V.N. Nanjundaswamy (64), a resident of Varuna in the taluk and priest of Chamundeshwari Temple, Vidyanagar in city, passed away yesterday.

He leaves behind his wife, son Varuna Prashanth, District Youth JD(S) Vice-President, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Varuna this afternoon, according to family sources.

S.A. Ramdas, Abdulla file papers

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (MTY&BCT)- A day after Chief Minister Siddharamaiah and MLA G.T. Devegowda filed their nominations for the high-profile Chamundeshwari constituency amidst much fanfare, today it was the turn of former Minister S.A. Ramdas of BJP and Abdul Azeez (Abdulla) of JD-S to file their papers from Krishnaraja (KR) and Narasimharaja (NR) constituencies respectively amidst a festive atmosphere.

Both the candidates came in two separate huge processions where thousands of people from all walks of life participated. While Abdulla's procession dominated the Eastern parts of the city, the massive procession carried out by the supporters of Ramdas was the centre of attraction in the Southern part of Mysuru.

As Abdulla filed his nomination papers at the Returning Officer's Office set up at Chamundi Vihar Stadium, Ramdas filed his papers at Returning Officer's Office set up at the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Office.

Abdulla and his thousands of supporters assembled at LIC Circle in Bannimantap at around 11.30 am. The group was led by a team of Disc Jockeys (DJs) and several other band sets. Abdulla, with folded hands, was on an open jeep and was greeting his supporters.

The procession passed through Five Light Circle, the road behind the Government Guest House, Karnataka Police Academy, SP Office Circle and reached the Chamundi Vihar Stadium at 1 pm and Abdulla filed his papers before the Returning Officer K. Kantharaju. He was accompanied by Deputy Mayor M. Indira and leaders including Puttaraju and Mohammad Sharief.

Former Minister S.A. Ramdas, the BJP candidate from KR Constituency, accompanied by Mysuru District Brahmana Sabha President D.T. Prakash, taking out an open jeep procession before filing the nomination papers at the MCC Office this morning.

N.R. Constituency JD(S) candidate Abdul Azeez (Abdulla) accompanied by party leaders submitting nomination papers to the Returning Officer K. Kantharaju at Chamundi Vihar Stadium this morning.

Former Minister and BJP Leader S.A Ramdas performed pujas along with his supporters at Ramalingeshwara Temple at Vidyaranyapuram and took out a procession that traversed through Chamundipuram Circle, Nanjumalige, Madhavachar Road, 101 Ganapathi Temple, Agrahara Circle, and Sanskrit Patashala and reached the MCC Office to file his papers at 2.15 pm.

Earlier, thousands of his supporters assembled at 101 Ganapathy Temple at Agrahara and Ramalingeshwara Temple at Vidyaranyapuram. Ramdas performed "Go Puja" to over seven cows and fed them with jaggery at around 12 pm at Ramalingeshwara Temple. Moments later, he boarded an open jeep with a mike and proceeded in a procession.

His procession was led by folk and cultural troupes and musical groups. Performers including Chande Vadya, Veeragaase, Dollu Kunitha, and Kamsaale danced all along the procession. Interestingly, hundreds of push-carts carrying vegetables, coconut, potato, Pani Puri and other street foods marched along the procession. There were more women than men in the procession. Addressing the voters of his Krishnaraja constituency, Ramdas said that he was filing his nominations from Krishnaraja for the sixth time. "I came to the area and stayed in a small room by paying a rent of Rs. 10. You have supported me and made me a Minister. I will never forget you and I am indebted to you," he said.

He claimed that if elected, he will provide own houses to all the 23,666 people in the constituency who are living in rented houses. "I have the support of BJP leader H.V. Rajeev and I have already visited his house yesterday and sought his support. Ramdas filed his papers before Returning Officer Mohammed Zubair at 2.15 pm.

Ambarish refuses to contest

Ambarish

Bengaluru, Apr.21- Despite the Congress High Command insisting him to contest from Mandya Assembly segment, Actor and sitting Mandya MLA Ambarish is said to have refused to contest the May 12 Assembly polls. Ambarish, who was allotted the party ticket from Mandya, is reported to have bluntly told the High Command that he will not be contesting the polls, come what may.

H.V. Rajeev to contest as independent

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (PM&DM)- With the party denying him the ticket to contest from Krishnaraja Constituency, BJP leader and District Co-operative Union President H.V. Rajeev had convened a meeting of his supporters at Nityananda Convention Hall here this morning to get their opinion.

While most of the speakers urged Rajeev to contest either as an independent candidate or BJP rebel candidate, **a few leaders suggested that Rajeev should not make a hasty decision as the party was on the verge of returning to power in the May 12 Assembly polls.**

Chief Minister leaves for Bengaluru after addressing the Press in Mysuru

Siddharamaiah's Badami Burden

"I will know after I go to Bengaluru," says CM

Mysuru, Apr.21 (PM&NNN)- Chief Minister Siddharamaiah, after filing his nomination papers to contest for the May 12 Assembly elections from Chamundeshwari constituency yesterday, left for Bengaluru this morning from his residence in Ramakrishnanagar. He was accompanied by Excise Minister R.B. Thimmapur.

Addressing the media before he left for Bengaluru, Siddharamaiah, to a pointed question whether he would contest from Badami, said that only after he goes to Bengaluru will he come to know whether he will contest from there too. Meanwhile, Thimmapur, who was by his side, said that Congress in North Karnataka was keen to see that Siddharamaiah contests from Badami in Bagalkot District too. "We are putting pressure on him to contest from Badami as we are sure that he is capable of winning from both the Constituencies," he said.

Asked whether he would meet actor Ambarish, CM Siddharamaiah shot back, "Why are you creating an issue? He has been given a ticket and it is the Party President who will issue the nomination papers and not me."

He said that he had already toured 150 Constituencies in the State and that All India Congress Committee (AICC) President Rahul Gandhi will campaign in Karnataka again for a week. Without specifying which places Rahul Gandhi will be touring, he said that Rahul would be in Karnataka on Apr.26 and 27 and from May 2 to 4 and again on May 8 and 9.

Taking pot-shots at BJP National President Amit Shah's reaction to calling the State Government the most corrupt, he said that he had no right to talk about corruption as the rise in income of his own son within a short span clearly shows who is corrupt. "What moral ground Amit Shah has to call himself a Hindu when he belongs to the Jain community. Besides, when he himself was in jail, he has no right to talk about corruption," said Siddharamaiah.

To another question regarding former Chief Minister B.S. Yeddyurappa questioning about his win in Mysuru, the CM said let him first win in Shikaripura.

On MLA G.T. Devegowda telling that since he (Siddharamaiah) was not confident of winning in Chamundeshwari, he was trying to contest from Badami too, Siddharamaiah countered, then why is former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy contesting from two places?

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Gultoo	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Tagaru	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
Attempt to Murder	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Seizer	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Saaguva Daariyalli	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Nagavalli Vs Apthamithraru	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
Krishna Tulasi	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
6 to 6	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
HINDI			
Black Mail	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
Pyasi Patni	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
ENGLISH			
Rampage	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Bharat Ane Nenu	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
RENOVATION WORKS UNDERWAY			
---	Lido	2420885	---
---	Sri Maruthi	9980351129	---

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Rampage (E)	(S-1)	11.00 am; (S-4) 4.15 pm
Krishna Tulasi (K)	(S-1)	1.15 pm
Truth or Dare (E)	(S-1)	4.30 pm, 9.50 pm
Gultoo (K)	(S-1)	7.20 pm
Saaguva Daariyalli (K)	(S-2)	10.30 am
Baaghi-2 (H)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Bharat Ane Nenu (Te)	(S-2)	4.05 pm; (S-3) 1.00 pm
	(S-4)	10.10 am, 6.30 pm, 9.55
Beyond the Clouds (H)	(S-2)	7.30 pm
	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Swathandrayam Ardarathriyil (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Statement (K)	(S-3)	10.30 am
Nanu Ki Janu (H)	(S-3)	7.05 pm, 9.50 pm
Attempt to Murder (K)	(S-4)	1.45 pm

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Bharat Ane Nenu (Te)	(S-1)	9.45 am, 3.55 pm, 9.45 pm
	(S-2)	10.15 am, 1.45 pm
		5.15 pm, 8.45 pm
Truth or Dare (E)	(S-1)	1.40 pm
	(S-3)	9.50 pm
Rampage (E)	(S-1)	7.25 pm
	(S-3)	9.45 am
Nagavalli Vs Apthamithraru (K)	(S-3)	11.55 am
Attempt to Murder (K)	(S-3)	5.00 pm
Beyond the Clouds (H)	(S-3)	7.15 pm
	(S-4)	10.00 am
Gultoo (K)	(S-3)	2.25 pm
Nanu Ki Janu (H)	(S-4)	12.40 pm, 9.40 pm
Saaguva Daariyalli (K)	(S-4)	3.30 pm
Krishna Tulasi (K)	(S-4)	6.45 pm

Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

TV TONIGHT

6:30 pm Dance India Dance
Little Masters
8:00 Kaleerein
9:00 Dance India Dance
Little Masters
10:30 Fear Files - Dar Ki Sacchi
Tasveerein

6:00 pm Yeh Rishta Kya
Kehlata Hai
6:30 Ikyawann
7:00 Tu Sooraj Mein Saanjh, Piyaji
7:30 Ye Hai Mohabbatein
8:00 Khichdi
10:00 Har Shaakh Pe Ullu Baithaa Hai

4:00 pm Crime Patrol Dial 100
5:00 Crime Patrol
Dastak
8:00 The Kapil Sharma Show
9:30 Prithvi Vallabh
10:30 CID
11:Pm Crime Patrol Satark

5:00 pm Man Vs. Wild
6:00 How It's Made
6:30 Fail Army
7:00 Dual Survival
8:00 Fierce
9:00 Man Vs. Tribe
10:00 Gold Rush
11:00 Naked And Afraid

2:00 pm Vivo Ipl 2018 Hls
2:30 Kent Cricket Ipl 2018
Pre Show Live
3:50 Vivo Ipl 2018 Live
7:15 Kent Cricket IPL Link Show Live
7:50 Vivo IPL 2018 Live
11:15 Kent Cricket IPL Post Show Live
11:35 Vivo IPL 2018 Hls

5:00 pm Beyond Magic
With DMC
6:00 Animals Gone Wild
7:00 S.o.s - Smartest Show On Tv
7:30 Do Or Die
8:00 Combat Zone
9:00 Prime @ 9
9:30 S.O.S - Smartest Show On Tv

6:02 pm Kris Ka Fun Vacation
7:30 Lights Camera
Kris In Bollywood
9:00 Roll No. 21
10:30 Roll No. 21
11:00 Dragon Ball Super
11:30 Teleshopping

6:30 pm Mahaganapathi
7:00 Gouri
7:30 Ennu Swantham Jani
8:00 Ayalathe Sundari
8:30 Shaneeswaran
9:00 Nandhini
9:30 Sree Bhadrakali

MOVIES:
12:30 pm Manasaare
3:00 Krishnan
Marriage Story
6:00Upendra
Matte Baa
9:00 Brundavana

MOVIES TONIGHT

3:47 pm **The Karate Kid**
6:48 **Rise Of The**
Planet Of The Apes
9:00 **Kung Fu Hustle**

5:04 pm **Monster Trucks**
6:57 **The Italian Job**
9:00 **Angry Birds Movie**
10:58 **Shoot 'Em Up**

5:07 pm **Star Trek**
7:24 **300**
9:00 **Fantastic Beasts &**
Where To Find Them

5:08 pm **Don No.1**
7:55 **Kaashmora**
11:19 **Legend The**
Terror

5:03 pm **Partner**
8:00 **Ek Rishtaa**
11:33 **International**
Rowdy

3:30 pm **Ek Phool**
Teen Kante
8:00 **Fillum Baazi**
8:30 **Agni IPS**

3:09 pm **Apocalypto**
5:52 **Hulk**
8:50 **Fast & Furious**
10:59 **Sherlock Holmes**

4:00 pm **Kwatle**
Sathisha
7:00 **Kalla Malla Sulla**
10:00 **Love**

4:58 Pm Dabangg 2
7:45 Pm Singham
10:44 Pm
Dhammu

EVENTS TODAY (APR.21)

Alumni Association, DoS in Social Work, University of Mysore: Felicitation to Prof. Y.S. Siddegowda on being appointed as VC of Tumkur University, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, former Kuvempu University VC Prof. K. Chidananda Gowda presides, littérateur and former Sanskrit University VC Prof. Mallepuram G. Venkatesh delivers felicitation address, former Tumkur University VC Prof. S.C. Sharma, Livelihood award winner Dr. H. Sudarshan and UoM Registrar D. Bharathi will be present, Sri Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar auditorium, Manasagangothri, **4 pm.**

RAAGA Music Academy: Talk on 'Healthy Living through Yoga and Ayurveda' by Dr. N.V. Krishnamurthy, Director, Prajna Kuteera, **4.30 pm;** Karnatak classical music by **Vidu. H.R. Krithi,** accompanied by Vid. M.V. Vishwajith on violin, Vid. A. Radhesh on mridanga and Vid. Raghunandan Rao on ghata, Prajna Kuteera, Vishwamanava Double Road, Kuvempunagar, **5.30 pm.**

Kalasuruchi: Story-telling for kids by Cheelur Chandrashekar, National Awardee, Retd. Teacher, Mysuru, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm;** Staging of children's play *'Sun Sun Tsunami'* directed by Shravya Sagar, Suruchi Rangamane, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **7 pm.**

Science Lecture Series, Mysore Science Foundation (MSF): 61st lecture on 'Role of Microbes on Human Health', Dr. S. Umesh, Professor, Department of Biotechnology, University of Mysore, will be resource person, Maneyangala, Kalamandira, **5.30 pm.**

Raaga Vaibhava Charitable Trust: Harikatha by **Vidu. Vishaka Hari,** accompanied on violin by Vidu. Charulatha Ramanujam, on mridanga by Vid. Arjun Ganesh and on ghata by Vid. S. Manjunath, Sri Nadabrahma SangeethaSabha, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Discourse by Swami Atmajnanandaji on 'The Gospel of Holy Mother,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Sri Gokarnanatheshwara Trust: 'Brahmakalashotsava,' Geha Parigraha, **6.30 pm;** Nihal Kumar to present flute recital, Trust premises, Suvarnanagar, near Roopanagar, **6.45 pm.**

Vivekananda Brahmana Mahasabha, Srirampura 2nd Stage: Sri Shankara and Ramanujacharya Jayanti, Discourse on 'Sri Shankara Darshana' and 'Sri Ramanujara Sharanagathi' by Dr. H.L. Chandrashekar, Sabha premises, **6.45 pm.**

Rangayana: Staging of William Shakespeare's play 'A Midsummer Night's Dream,' Vanaranga premises, **7 pm.**

Sri Renukadevi Karaga Devasthana Trust: Sri Chamundeshwari and Sri Mariyamma's 94th Annual Mysuru Karaga Mahotsava, procession, Trust premises Ittigegud, **8 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APR.22)

Sri Gokarnanatheshwara Trust: 'Brahmakalashotsava' to mark Sri Chamundeshwaridevi, Balaganapathy, Subramanya and Prasanna Anjaneyaswamy Prathishtabandha, Durga Namaskara by Patanjali Yoga Shikshana Samithi, **6.30 am,** Ankurarpana Koutuka Bandhana, Trust premises, Suvarnanagar, near Roopanagar, **8.30 am.**

Sri Krishna Temple: 27th Brahma Rathotsava, Snapanapoorva Abhisheka, **9 am;** Homa and Hamsa Vahanotsava, temple premises, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **6 pm.**

Ganabharathi: 'Layavadyotsava' in memory of Mahavidwan Palani Subrahmanya Pillai; Lecture-Demonstration and Panel Discussion, Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Kuvempunagar, **10 am to 8.30 pm.**

District Kannada Sahitya Parishat and Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota, Mysuru: World Earth Day celebrations, Painting Expo on 'Our Earth' by artist U.G. Mohan Kumar Aradhya, agri scientist Dr. Vasanth Kumar Thimkapura inaugurates, Parishat Mysuru President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna presides, **10.30 am;** Expo open for public, Suchitra Art Gallery, Kalamandira premises, **up to 7 pm.**

Bharateeya Samskruti Vidya Kendra, R.K. Nagar: Sri Shankara Jayanti, oral quiz on 'Sri Shankaracharya' in Kannada, **11 am.**

Sri Renukadevi Karaga Devasthana Trust: Sri Chamundeshwari and Sri Mariyamma's 94th Annual Mysuru Karaga Mahotsava, Ambali Puja, **12 noon;** Tambittu Arati, **4 pm;** Karaga Utsava, **7 pm;** Mangalarati, Trust premises Ittigegud, **12 midnight.**

Mysuru Veerashaiva Sajjana Sangha: Jagajyoti Sri Basaveshwara Jayantotsava-2018, JSS College Kannada Asst. Professor Dr. Nandish Hanche chief guest, Sangha President M.N. Jaiprakash presides, Sri Kantimallanna Kalyana Mantapa, Kabir Road, **3 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Discourse by Swami Atmajnanandaji on 'Viveka Chodamani,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Gramanthara Upasabhe and Sri Andal Mandiram Trust: Sri Ramanujacharya Jayanti, discourse by Dr. G.V. Narasimhan, Mandiram premises, V.V. Mohalla, **6 pm.**

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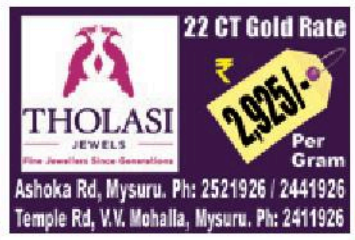

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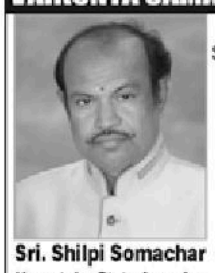
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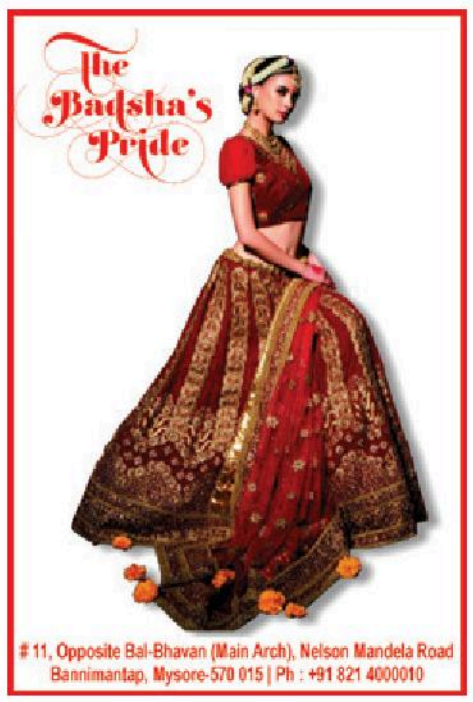

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